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Glen Canyon News Release

Visitor Dies After Falling Out of a Moving Boat on Lake Powell

Page, Ariz. - On September 20, 2008, at approximately 1:28 p.m., Glen Canyon National Recreation Area dispatch received a report that a person had fallen overboard and had not resurfaced.

National Park Service Rangers along with a Utah State Park Ranger responded to the scene which was near Buoy 26 south of Gregory Butte.

Initial investigation revealed that a 19 year old male, Luke Rogers of Seattle, WA, had been standing on the bow seat of a powerboat holding onto the bow line for balance while the boat was on plane. When the operator slowed the boat down, Rogers was ejected. The operator and a passenger aboard heard a thud and stopped the boat. They circled the area looking for Rogers and called for assistance on marine band radio.

Multiple agencies are assisting in the dive operation to locate and recover Rogers' body.

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